

concerning petitions for freedom, and an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-three, entitled, a supplement to an act concerning petitions for freedom and an act passed November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-four, entitled, a further supplement to an act to prohibit the bringing slaves into this state, shall be and the same are hereby repealed; provided, that all rights heretofore acquired under the said repealed laws, or any of them, shall not be affected or impaired by this act.

NOVEMBER, 1797.—CHAPTER 15.

A SUPPLEMENTARY ACT to the act relating to Negroes, and to repeal the acts of Assembly therein mentioned.

Preamble. WHEREAS, by an act, entitled, an act relating to negroes, and to repeal the acts of assembly therein mentioned, passed at November session, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six,* it is provided, that any citizen or citizens of the United States, who shall come into this state with a bona fide intention of settling therein, may import or bring into this state, at the time of his or her removal, or within one year thereafter, any slave or slaves the property of such citizen or citizens at the time of his or her removal, which slave or slaves, or the mother or mothers of which slave or slaves, shall have been resident of the United States three whole years next preceding such removal, but doubts being entertained whether the privilege of importing or bringing into this state within the year extends to the legal representatives of such citizen or citizens, so removing with a bona fide intention of settling therein, in case of the death of any such citizen; for remedy whereof,

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall and may be lawful for any executor or administrator of any citizen of the United States, who shall have removed, or may hereafter remove, into this state, with a bona fide intention of settling therein, and who shall have died, or may hereafter die, within one year from the time of such removal, to import or bring into this state, at any time within one year from the death of his or her testator or intestate, any slave or slaves the property of such citizen at the time of his or her death, which slave or slaves, or the mother or mothers of which slave or slaves, shall have been resident of the United States three whole years next preceding such removal, as also the issue of such slave or slaves born after the removal of the said testator or intestate.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for any guardian or guardians of any infant entitled to any slave or slaves by or in pursuance of the last will and testament of, or in the course of distribution from, any citizen of the

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Guardians,
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